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SUBJECT: TRANSISTHMIAN PIPELINE MEETING

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1. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFTEL DUE OVER-
LOADED CIRCUITS IN ECONOMIC SECTION. BUTLER-CULVERN IS
WELL-KNOWN CONSULTING FIRM HERE, WHICH HAS DONE EXTENSIVE
OIL AND GAS PIPELINE WORK FOR THE NATIONAL IRAN OIL
COMPANY (NIOC), NATIONAL IRAN GAS COMPANY, AND OSCO.
(OSCO IS SERVICE CONTRACTOR OWNED BY IRAN OIL CONSORTIUM,
WHICH MANAGES IRAN'S PRINCIPAL OIL FIELDS AS SERVICE
CONTRACTOR TO NIOC. CONSORTIUM IS GROUP OF MAJOR OIL
COMPANIES INCLUDING, BP, ROYAL DUTCH SHELL, CFP, FIVE
AMERICAN MAJORS, AND SIX AMERICAN INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANIES.)

2. BUTLER-CALVERN IS PART OWNED BY BUTLER ASSOCIATES OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA, WHICH IN TURN IS SOLELY OWNED BY
VINCENT BUTLER, WHO IS INDEED AN AMERICAN BORN AND REARED
IN PANAMA. LOCAL OIL INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATE BUTLER
ASSOCIATES IS CONSULTING FIRM WELL KNOWN IN OIL AND GAS
CIRCLES IN U.S. JUDGING FROM WORK BUTLER-CALVERN HAS
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DONE AND REPUTATION IT ENJOYS HERE, WE WOULD EXPECT

BUTLER'S STORY IS WORTHY OF CREDIT. THAT
CONSULTANT EMPLOYED BY GOP IS UNWILLING TO DIVULGE MANY
DETAILS TO AMEMBASSY DOES NOT SEEM UNUSUAL TO US.
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